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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, for which a three month response period expiring on September 4, 2002, was set. The two month extended period expires on November 4, 2002.

Please charge the extension fee of \$400.00, and any additional fees that may be required, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

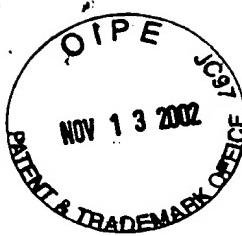
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

Subj 12. (Amended) A fuel injector for a fuel injection system of an internal combustion engine, comprising:

an energizable actuating element;

a valve needle that is axially movable along a longitudinal axis of a valve;

a fixed valve seat;

a valve seat element including an orifice following downstream from the fixed valve seat;

a valve closing section arranged on the downstream end of the valve needle and for working together with the fixed valve seat for opening and closing the valve, wherein:

the fixed valve seat is designed on the valve seat element;

a flattened face running perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the valve and being arranged on the downstream end of the valve closing section downstream from the

fixed valve seat;

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